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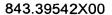
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Sir:

This submission is in the form of an Amendment which is being filed in connection with a RCE (Request for Continued Examination) responsive to the outstanding Final Office Action of April 8, 2003. (An RCE transmittal along with a Petition for Extension of Time covering the one month extended time period for filing this response and an authorized Credit Card Payment Form covering the fee amount directed thereto is enclosed.) Please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

An **Appendix** including amended drawing Fig. 4 is attached following the **Remarks**.